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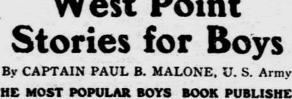
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GERMANY'S DOUBLE SCHEDULE

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BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS. Written for The Star and the Chicago Record-Herald.

The tariff commissioners sent over to Ger-many to find a basis for a reciprocity treaty to go into effect on the isr of July next, when the existing provisional arrangement between the two countries expires, have reported to the Secretary of State that they are entirely satisfied with their reception and with the progress they are making. But, even if they should find a basis for such a treaty, there is no prospect of its ratification by the Senate of the United States, and Secretary Root will not place himself in the awkward predicament of negotiating a convention that will not be ratified. If he could get any assurance from the Senate committee on foreign relations and finance that they would recommend ratification, or if a test ote coud be taken on a resolution instructing him to enter into a convention with Germany, it might be safe for him to undertake negotiations; and the President would then call an extra session of the Sixtleth Congress to consider that particular treaty and to thrash out a commercial policy for the government of the United States. We have no commercial policy now so far as our foreign relations are concerned.

Both the President and Secretary Root believe that the best way to revise the tariff is by means of reciprocity treaties under which we can make tariff concessions in favor of the products of countries that will make equivalent concessions in favor of our products, instead of arbitrary reductions for the benefit of all concerned, our commercial foes as well as our com-

our commercial foes as well as our commercial friends.

That was the policy advocated by President Arthur and inaugurated by him in 1884, when he sent a commission to every other American republic to initiate a series of uniform treaties, admitting free or giving low rates of duty upon all raw materials and other articles needed in this country without sacrificing the protection required by our manufacturers. We might improve and increase our trade a great deal in that way without impairing the benefits of our protective tariff. The President and the Secretary of State, however, have been conferring with the majority leaders at both ends of the Capitol and they find Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Dalzell, and other senators and representatives of their complexion stubbornly opposed to "monkeying with the tariff" and ridiculing the reciprocity idea as homeopathic free trade. These estimable gentlemen, and Speaker Cannon is with them, will not yield an inch. They have decued to "stand pat," at least until after the next presidential election, and will renew those ancient and chronic promises that when the proper time comes the tariff will be "revised by its friends." They souff that when the proper time comes the tariff will be "revised by its friends." They scoff at the warning they received at the late elections, although half the present republican majority in the House of Representatives was wiped out, and a repetition of the vote of November 6 will give the democrats control of the next Congress.

Defeat of Stand-patters.

The only republican districts in which a fight was made directly on the reciprocity question were the second Minnesota and the seventh Iowa, in which Representatives Mc-Cleary and Lacey were defeated. Both of them were good men, exemplary representatives. But, for some reason, both became rabld "standpatters," and have been especially active in opposition to the reci-procity idea. In 1904 McCleary was elected by 9,000 majority and Lacey by 7,000. In 1906 both were defeated chiefly because of their opposition to reciprocity negotia-tions. The reciprocity league fought Mc-Cleary directly on that issue in retaliation for his attacks upon that organization.

Not one member of the House committee on ways and means came back with his usual majority, and Mr. Dalzell, who says that reciprocity is a ridiculous proposition, had a very narrow escape, although two years ago he floated into the House on a majority of 15,000.

But it required a series of plagues and discipline before Pharoah would let Israel It would not be strange if the "standpat-

ters" should wake up on the morning after election in 1908 and discover that the friends of the tariff had lost their oppor-

Imitating Our Practice. There has been a change in the situation egarding our foreign relations. Not long ago we were seeking concessions from several countries so as to secure a better market for our products. Now we have got to beg for concessions in order to keep what little market we've got and will be compelled to make concessions ourselves or lose the trade. We have set an example to the rest of the world in the way of building high tariff walls and have no right to grumble if they imitate our example. The Russian minister of finance smiled cyn-ically when I complained to him of the high duties imposed by his government upon American manufactures, and observed that they were "simply imitating an old Yankee trick." Not only Russia, but other nations, are putting up the bars against our goods, and we have got to pay a high price to get them down again. Secretary Root has explained this situa-tion to members of both the House and tion to members of both the House and Senate committees and has warned them that unless some action is taken by Con-gress to modify our tariff schedules and regulations, other countries will retailate by adopting prohibitive rates and regula-tions on American products. Whenever our government complains of discriminating rates or embarrassing regulations, it is always reminded of our own policy in such matters. Every European government would be willing to make valuable concessions in our favor, but they naturally insist as a condition precedent that the United States should first show a concili-atory disposition and modify its own rates and regulations. Unless we do so, it is useless for us to try to secure any favors for our farmers and manufacturers in forelgn markets. European nations are put-ting up their tariff rates all the time and then reduce them in special cases where equivalent concessions are made in favor of their peculiar products.

That is the situation in Germany, and

Mr. Root will not attempt to relieve it unless he receives the authority of Congress or some assurance that the treaty will be ratified.

Germany's Two Schedules. Germany has recently adopted a new tar-

ff. in which there are two schedules of duties upon all articles. The maximum rates are imposed upon merchandise from countries with which Germany has no treatles. The minimum rates are imposed upon imports from countries which have made equivalent concessions in favor of German products. The difference in the maximum and minimum rates is very great, as well he seem by the following read. as will be seen by the following compari-

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rate, as a rule, are about one-half of the maximum rates. Unless we make some satisfactory arrangement with Germany before the 1st of July the maximum rates will be imposed upon all agricultural products imported into that empire from the United States, while the same articles imported from compating countries like Pure United States, while the Sant ported from competing countries like Russia, Austria, Italy, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, will come in under the minimum tariff. Such a discrimination with trans-portation distance and all other consideraions against us will practically destroy the trade with Germany which our merchants and manufacturers have worked so hard to

Custom House Regulations.

Almost everything we ship to Germany s subject to duty, and the customs house regulations in the German ports are exasperating. They are worse than the duties, Our imports from Germany last year were \$135,142,996, of which \$97,845,749 were dutiable and \$37,297,247 were admitted free. The Germans not only complain of our high duties, but think that our customs regulations are a great deal worse than theirs. Before they make any concessions to us they insist upon several amendments: 1. They demand that the ad valorem duty

shall be appraised upon the export value of the goods and not upon the prices at which they are sold at home, because manufacturers often dispose of the surplus of their stocks in foreign markets at less than the prices quoted in the domestic

2. They object to making undervalua-tions of imported merchandise a criminal offense, on the ground that there is always a legitimate difference of opinion as to the value of goods; hence persons who place a low value upon articles should not be pun-ished as criminals.

3. When the difference of opinion as to

the value of goods is not more than 10 per cent no notice should be taken of it. cent no notice should be taken of it.

4. All hearings before the general board of appraisers to be open to the public and all testimony to be given openly, in order that the accused may know who furnishes the evidence against him. The German importers contend that they are often the victims of star-chamber hearings and are published upon evidence given by isolates. punished upon evidence given by jealous competitors who desire to injure them and break up their trade.

On the other hand, Secretary Shaw and

the customs authorities declare that secret hearings are absolutely necessary in order to secure any testimony at all, and that if the punishment for undervaluation and other violations of the customs laws were simply the payment of a fine, smugglers would take greater chances and frauds against the revenue would be much more

However, a bill providing for the modifi-However, a bill providing for the modification of some of these regulations was reported by the committee on ways and means and passed the House of Representatives during the last days of the recent session, and it is now under consideration by the Senate committee on finance. This bill contains some of the concessions which the Germans demand, but it is doubtful whether they will be satisfied with it, and some members of the committee are of the opicion that it had better be postponed until the tariff experts now in Germany have made their report. made their report.

Woman at Her Zenith.

A woman's character and powers are finest about forty. A woman has gained everything at forty, and lost nothing; she is at the full vigor of her intellectual powers; she has acquired experience and judgment, and is not far enough away from youth to have become unsympathetic even spoiled, rose eagerly.

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ROCKVILLE AND VICINITY. County Commissioners Decline to Appoint Constable of Bethesda's Choice. Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 19, 1906. The county commissioners, at their regular weekly meeting held yesterday, again declined to appoint Edward Bradley a constable for Bethesda district. Messrs. M. Wilson Offutt, Gibbs and Martin and Dr. John L. Lewis, representing the Bethesda Citizens' Association, appeared before the board and asked that the appointment be made. They presented a resolution, which was passed at a recent meeting of the citizens' association, indorsing Bradley for the position and urging his appointment. Commissioner John H. Bogley placed Bradley in nomination and voted for his confirmation, as did Commissioner Charles H. Griffith, but Commissioners Jacob M. Allnutt, Oliver H. P. Clark and Joseph T. White

voted in the negative. The Bradley case is one that attracted interest all over Montgomery county. Several months ago Bradley was indorsed for appointment as constable by the Bethesda Citizens' Association and many of the leading residents of that section of the county. For several years he had served the county in the capacity of constable and also as a deputy sheriff, and those who most ardently espoused his cause declared that he made the best officer Bethesda district ever had.

They also argued that if he was good enough for the citizens of Bethesda district others should be satisfied.

A fight was made against his appointment, however, and he was turned down by the county commissioners, the line-up being the same as in today's vote. Charges of bribery had been made against him, but at the recent session of court he was tried and acquitted of the charge. A few evenings thereafter the Bethesda Citizens' Association, which has a membership of one hundred or more, met and unanimously passed a resolution indorsing Bradley for appointment, it being explained that as Bradley had been vindicated the county commissioners would not refuse to respect the citi-zens of Bethesda district, but would without hesitation appoint the man of their

was shown by the vote. Licenses to marry have been issued by the clerk of the circuit court here to the following: Wilfred Royce, aged twenty-two, of Washington, and Miss Jennie Evans, aged sixteen, of Potomać, this county; Roy Eugene Wachter, aged twenty-three, and Miss Cora Estelle Clagett, aged twenty-six, both of Laytonsville, this county. William Henry Tyler Case aged county; William Henry Tyler Case, aged twenty-five, of Rockville, and Miss Ladonia C. Mullican, aged nineteen, of Garrett Park, and Joseph Wheeler Freeman, aged twenty-two, and Miss Lillian St. Clair Smith Brady, aged twenty-two, both of Kensington.

A Sour Side.

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, last month showed to the students of Stanford University an apple that was sweet on one side and sour on the other.

"This apple shows us." Mr. Burbank said, "how different treatments will have different effects. It shows how environment causes the most radical changes.

"As in apples, so in men. There used

to live in Santa Rosa a good, kind man, but unfortunately he married a shrewish "One morning, after his wife had called him a good-for-nothing loafer and snatched his breakfast away, he started off, hungry and sore, for work.

"A sour-looking woman entered the car
he was on. She got into a violent dispute
with the conductor over her change. Finally, red with rage, she looked about her
and said:

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"'Is there a gentleman in this sar who will stand by and see a lady insulted?"
"The hungry man, whose nature had been